Injury and Occupational Illness Prevention - My Perspective

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Tobacco Use

Alcohol Abuse

Injuries

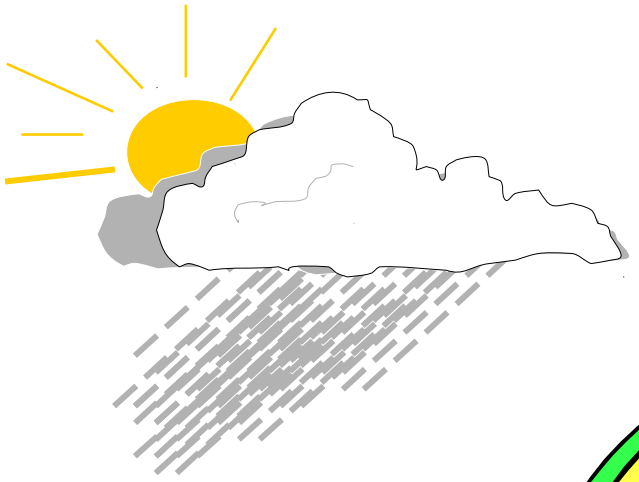
Defense Survey of Health Related Behaviors

INJURIES

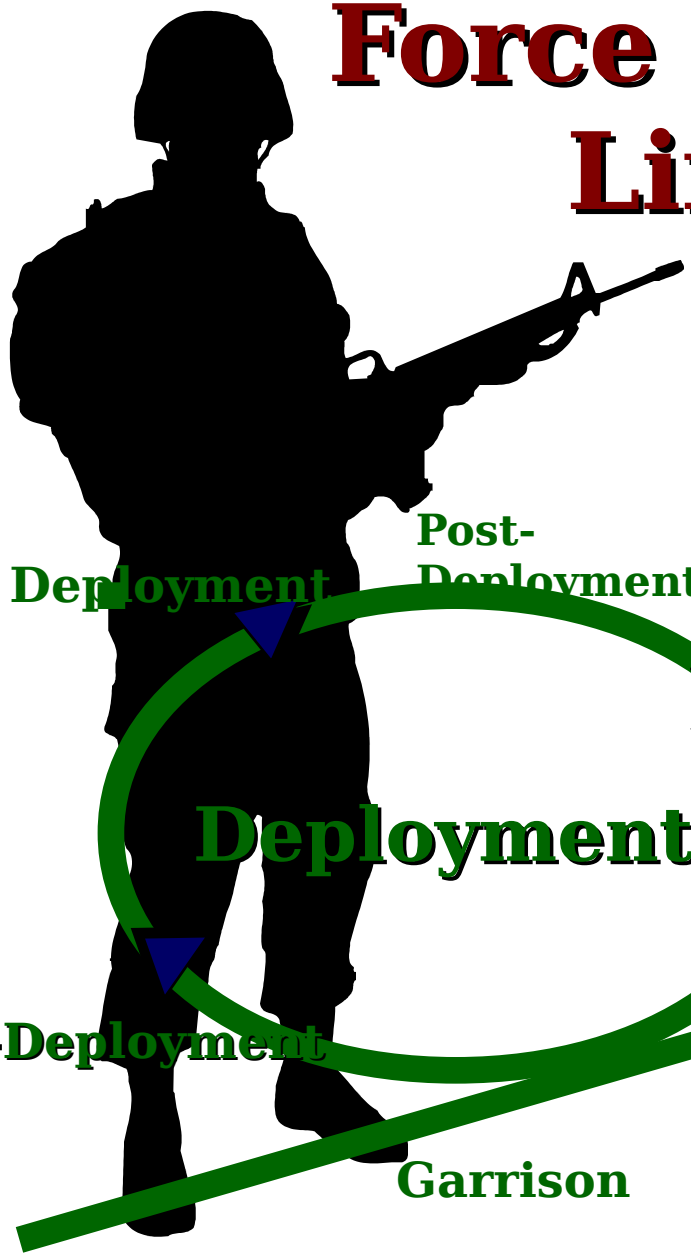
Survey 2000	Healthy People
4,321/ 100K	
754/100K	

Army highest in Services

The Future



Force Health Protection Life Cycle Model



Deployment

Post-Deployment

Deployment Cycle

Pre-Deployment

Deployment

Post-Deployment

Deployment Cycle

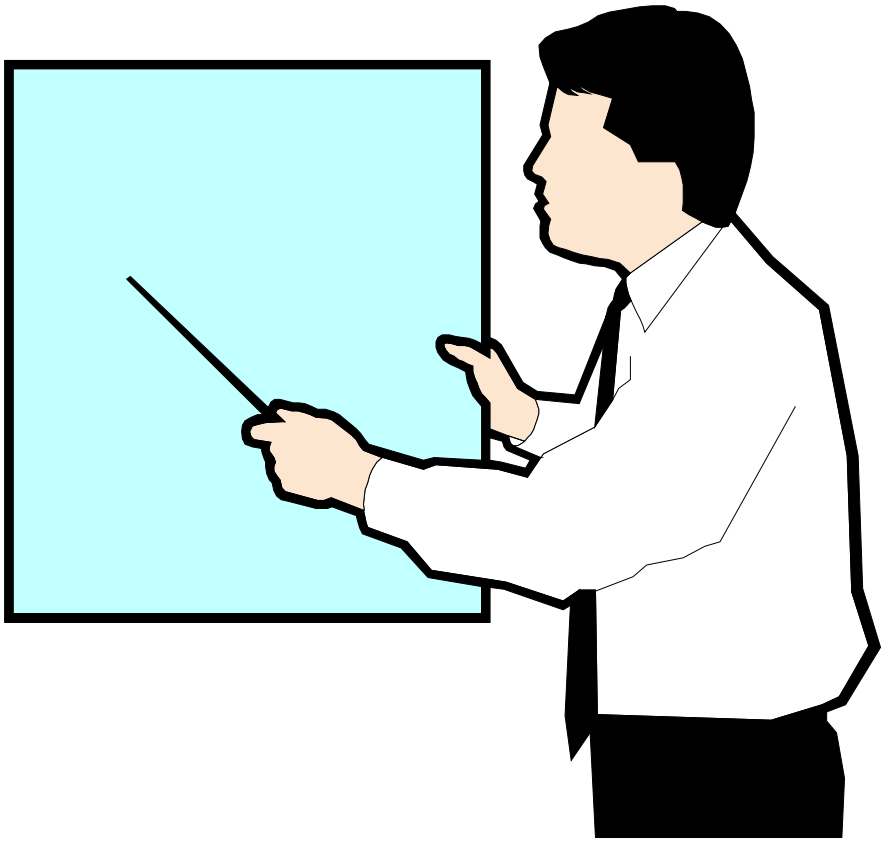
Pre-Deployment

Separation/ Retirement

Garrison

Accession

Stay on the Message



Injury Prevention is a Combat Multiplier

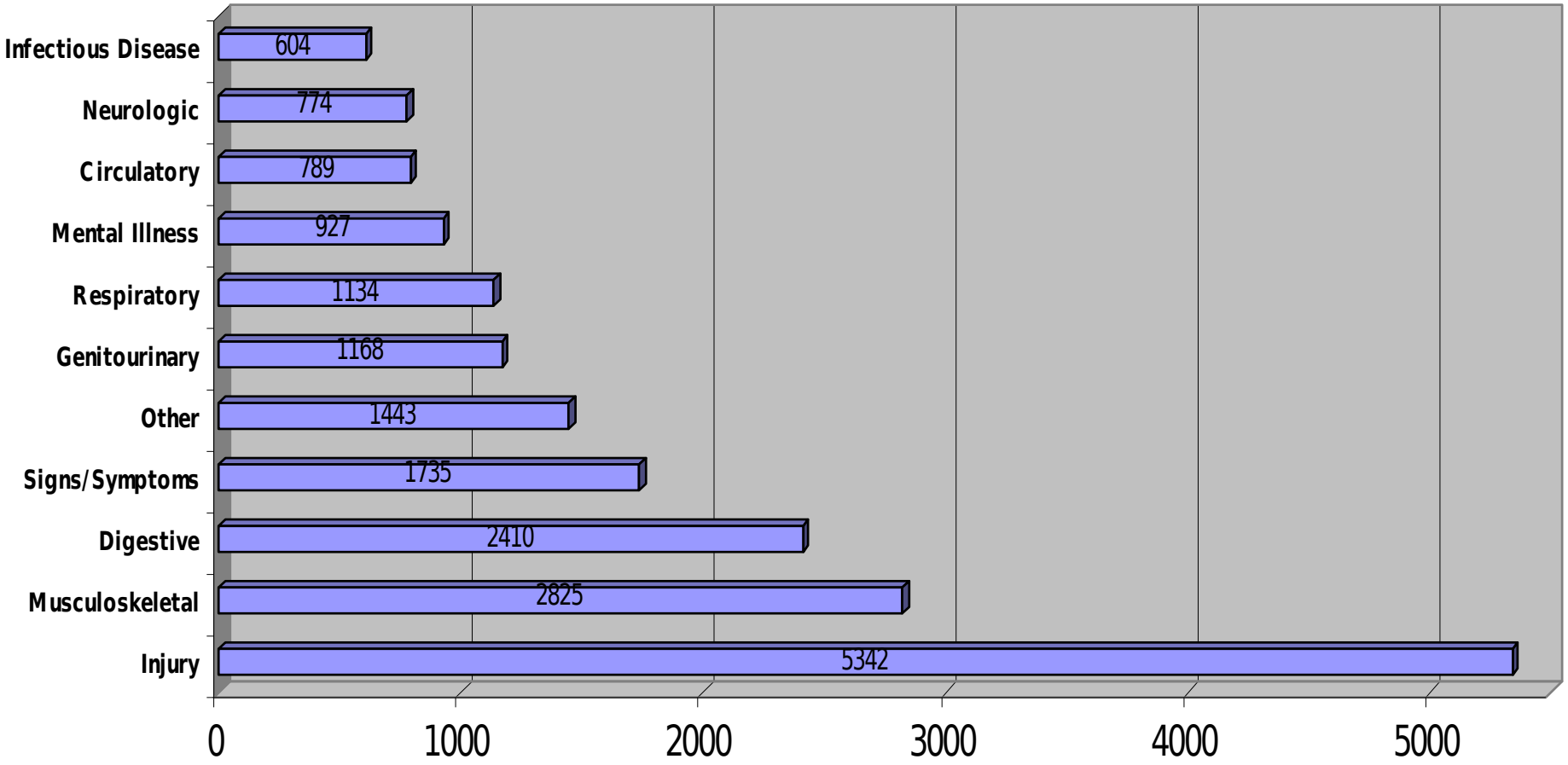
Injuries cause*:

- 50% of deaths
- 50% of disabilities
- 30% of hospitalizations
- 40-60% of outpatient visits

*Medical Surveillance Data, US Army

Injuries are a Potential War Stopper

Leading Diagnosis Categories for US Army Soldiers Hospitalized During Operations Desert Shield and Storm, 1 Aug 90 - 31 Jul 91



Source: Injuries in the Military - A Hidden

There are Effective Ways to Reduce Injuries

- Smart Training

- Ankle Brace
- Boot/Sock Systems

Injury Prevention

Training Losses

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Compensation Claims

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VA Disability Claims

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Goal 1 - Joint Medical Readiness

Military Health System **MHS**

Strategic Plan 1998-2003

- **We will help to ensure that military members of Armed Forces attain an optimal level of fitness and health and are protected from the full spectrum of medical and environmental hazards. Our medical forces will meet the challenges of a rapidly changing continuum of Service-specific, joint, and combined military operations anywhere at anytime.**

- Strive to improve the health and fitness levels of our Armed Forces on a continuing basis.
- Advocate research and technology that can optimize human performance and enhance force medical protection.

Goal 2- Benchmark Health System

Military Health System **MHS**

We will be the worlds' best integrated health system.

STRATEGY

- Promote prevention and wellness as the foundation of the system.

Strategic Plan 1998-2003

Goal 3 - Healthy Communities

Military Health System **MHS**

Strategic Plan 1998-2003

We will forge partnerships to create a common culture that values health and fitness and empowers individuals and organizations to actualize those values.

STRATEGIES

- Utilize comprehensive, population-based, medical information systems as a foundation for evidence-based disease prevention and health decision making.

Goal 3 - Healthy Communities

Military Health System **MHS**

Strategic Plan 1998-2003

STRATEGIES (Continued)

- Develop partnerships among the MHS, other Government agencies, and the private sector to create healthier environments and workplaces.
- Provide necessary health information to commanders, policy makers, and individuals who can act to influence health and prevent diseases and injuries.
- Sustain the prevention culture at home and abroad, in peace and war.

FY 00 National Defense Authorization Act

Section 726. Study on Joint Operations for the Defense Health Program.

Not later than October 1, 2000, the Secretary of Defense shall prepare and submit to Congress a study identifying areas with respect to the Defense Health Program for which joint operations might be increased, including organization, training, patient care, hospital management, and budgeting. The study shall include a discussion of the merits and feasibility of -

(1) establishing a joint command for the Defense Health Program as a military counterpart to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs;

(2) establishing a joint training curriculum for the Defense Health Program; and

(3) creating a unified chain of command and budgeting authority for the Defense Health Program.

Collaboration vs Reorganization